Production of crude oil from oil wells

4612. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

(a) the production of crude oil presently from various oil wells in the country;

(b) whether Government have asked for any foreign assistance for production of crude oil; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The production of Crude oil in 1994-95 was about 32.24 million MT.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

LPG Agencies at Block/Tehsil levels in Madhya Pradesh

4613. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to allot LPG agencies at Block/Tehsil level in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme and the places likely to be covered during 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) LPG distributorships are opened at places having population of 20,000 and above as per 1991 census, in a phased manner, subject to product availability and economic viability of the location. Accordingly, in addition to 54 LPG distributorships included in the current LPG marketing plan 1992-94, for which selection is underway, 88 LPG distributorships have been included in the new LPG marketing plan 1994-96 for Madhya Pradesh.

Keeping in view the expected increase in the availability of product and the demand from the smaller towns, it has been decided by the Government to include adjoining villages also for working out the viability of LPG distributorships for smaller towns.

Cost escalation of public sector projects of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

4614. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whehter it is a fact that the cost of the public sector projects of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has soared by Rs. 3500 crore over the projected figures; if so, the reasons therefor and the original and the revised costs of each such project; and

(b) by when the Kandla-Bhatinda Project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The details of the original and the revised costs approved by the Government and the reasons for cost overrun in respect of the projects costing more than Rs. 100 crores under implementation by the Public Sector Undertakings in the oil sector are given in the statement annexed. (See below)

(b) Kandla-Bhatinda Project Pipeline is likely to be mechanically completed by November, 1995.

Statement

Cost escalation of Public Sector Projects of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for 3-5-1995.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Original Cost (Rs. in crores)	Revised Cost (Rs. in crores)	Reasons for cost over run
	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.			
1.	Digboi Refinery Modernisation Project	143.74	346.34	Change in duties and taxes escalation, foreign exchange variation, scope change, abnormal market conditions, increase in financial cost etc.
2.	Catalytic Reformer Unit at Digboi	34.17	112.00	-do-
3.	Catalytic Reformer Unit at Barauni	77.95	248.11	-do-
4.	Kandla-Bhatinda Project Pinpeline (including Tap Off Points.)	917.55	2391.84	Change in duties and taxes, escalation, foreign exchange rate variation abnormal market conditions increase in financial cost, increase in international/domestic construction cost, upgradation of technology, etc.

कुछ राज्यों को रसोई गैस सिलेण्डर की आपूर्ति

4615. **श्री इकबाल सिंह** : क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि दिल्ली, उत्तर प्रदेश, पंजाब और मध्य प्रदेश में उपभोक्ताओं को अपने रसोई गैस सिलेन्डर प्राप्त करने में कठिनाई का सामना करना पड़ रहा है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) उक्त सभी राज्यों में रसोई गैस सिलेण्डरों की पर्याप्त आपूर्ति सुनिश्चित करने हेतु सरकार क्या प्रभावी उपाय कर रही है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) और (ख) जी हां। गेल, विजयपुर तथा ओ.एन.जी.सी., हजीरा फैक्शनेटरों की बंदी को बढ़ाए जाने के कारण रीफिल की आपूर्ति मार्च, 1995 से आरंभ हो पायी इसकी वजह से विभिन्न भरण संयंत्रों को थोक एल. पी. जी. की आपूर्ति कम हो गयी। 23-3-95 से मथुरा रिफाइनरी के बंद हो जाने से उत्तरी क्षेत्र में भरण संयंत्रों के लिए थोक एल. पी. जी. की उपलब्धता में और कमी आयी।

(ग) तेल कंपनियां, वैकल्पिक स्रोतों से तथा बढ़ाई गयी कार्यविधि में एवं अवकाश के दिनों में तथा रविवारों को भरण संयंत्रों का प्रचालन करके एवं बकाए को निपटाने के लिए वैकल्पिक स्रोतों के परिवहन से थोक आपूर्तियों की व्यवस्था करके मांग पूर्णतः पूरा करने के लिए तुरन्त उपाय कर रही हैं।